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**PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT
2:00 p.m. TODAY—EDWARDSVILLE
CONCERNS \$3 MILLION IN DRUG FORFEITURE FUNDS**

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announces a press conference today, March 15, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the Madison County Board Room, Madison County Administration Building, 157 North Main Street, Second Floor, Edwardsville, Illinois.

Joining the U.S. Attorney will be Jack Riley, Assistant Special Agent In Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration; William Mudge, Madison County State's Attorney; Harold Jim Denham, Mayor of the Village of Pontoon Beach; and Charles Luehmann, Chief of the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

The press conference will address a matter of considerable public interest pertaining to the seizure, forfeiture, and distribution of more than \$3,000,000 used in drug-trafficking activities.

No additional information will be released prior to the press conference.